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Taylor (in a studio portrait from the 1960–61 TV series *Hong Kong*) arrived in Hollywood from Sydney in 1954.

## 1930–2015 Rod Taylor

Sydney-born Rodney Sturt Taylor, who died of a heart attack at his home in Los Angeles on Jan. 7 at age 84, starred in more than 50 movies, from *Giant* and *The Time Machine* to *The V.I.P.s* and Disney's family favourite *101 Dalmatians*, in which he voiced Pongo. More recently, he played Winston Churchill in *Inglourious Basterds*. But his most iconic role was that of Mitch Brenner in Alfred Hitchcock's 1963 classic *The Birds*, opposite Tippi Hedren. "There are so many incredible feelings I have for him. Rod was a great pal to me and a real strength. We were very, very good friends," Hedren, 84, said in a statement. "He was one of the most fun people I have ever met, thoughtful and classy. There was everything good in that man."